

Examiner's Amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Gostanian (Reg. 42,595) on 11/2/2009.

3. Amend the following claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of enrolling at least one given conferee to receive conferencing services, the method comprising at least the following:

receiving on a computer through a voice response unit at least one request from the given conferee via a telecommunications device to enroll in the conferencing services;

accessing data stores of a conferencing server system populated with at least one access information data unique and necessary to admit the given conferee to enroll in the conferencing services;

automatically obtaining at least one unique identifier distinctive to the given conferee ~~provided~~ and intrinsic to [[the]] incoming communication as at least one input to the data stores of the conferencing server system, the at least one unique identifier cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the given conferee stored in the data stores of the conferencing server system; and

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automatically extracting [[the]] at least one identifier determined by an output of the data stores of the conferencing server system based on the received input, ~~wherein~~ and if the at least one identifier from the data stores of the conferencing server system matches the at least one access information from the data stores of the conferencing server system, the conferencing server system is configured to automatically connect the given conferee, without further manual or verbal input from the given conferee, directly to the given conferencing service[.];

configuring at least one component determined by the output to support the given conferee to connect to the given conferencing service;

wherein receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one biometric parameter associated with the given conferee;

wherein the configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call by bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving at least one request from the given conferee includes receiving a request from a host to enroll in the conferencing services.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving at least one request from the given conferee includes receiving a request from a participant associated with a given enrolled conference call host.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one voiceprint of the given conferee.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data representing the at least

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one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one voice print of the given conferee when the given conferee enrolls to receive the conferencing services.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one of an e-mail address, a Universal Resource Locator, a browser cookie, an IP address, and an SIP address.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Currently amended) A method of enrolling at least one given conference call host to receive conferencing services, the method comprising at least the following:

receiving on a computer through a voice response unit at a conference server at least one request from the given conference call host via a telecommunications device to enroll in the conferencing services;

accessing data stores of the conference server populated with at least one access information data unique and necessary to admit the given conferee call host to enroll in the conferencing services;

automatically obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conference call host intrinsic to ~~[[the]]~~ incoming communication and loading the at least one unique identifier into an input of a data store of ~~[[a]]~~ the conference server a system to process further incoming requests, and wherein the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the ~~conferee~~ given conference call host stored in the data stores of the conference server system;

automatically providing data retrieved from an output of the data store of the conference server ~~a system~~ as determined by the input into ~~[[the]]~~ a server, if the at least one unique

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identifier from the data store of the conference server match the at least one ~~representing~~ access information for the given conference call host, without further manual or verbal input from the given conference call host, wherein the given conference call host is provided direct access to a given conference call using the access information; and

configuring at least one component determined by the output of the data stores of the system based on the received input of the data stores of the system related to supporting the at least one given conference call to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of the at least one ~~of the~~ access information from the output of the data store[.];

wherein receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one biometric parameter associated with the given conferee call host;

wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call by bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier associated to at least one device from which the given conference call host may originate at least one request to access the given conference call.

10. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving a unique telephone number to be dialed by the given conference call host.

11. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving data representing the unique identifier from the given conference call host.

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12. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data includes receiving data representing the unique identifier from a device associated with the given conference call host.

13. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein providing data includes providing at least one telephone number to the given conference call.

14. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of the access information and the at least one unique identifier.

15. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one request from the given conference call host to subscribe to pre-paid conferencing services.

16. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving at least one request includes receiving at least one communication from the given conference call host to subscribe to conferencing services.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes automatically capturing the data representing the at least one identifier during the communication.

18. (original) The method of claim 17, wherein automatically capturing the data includes automatically capturing data identifying a handset from which the communication originated.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein configuring at least one component includes populating at least part of a data store with the data identifying the handset.

20. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving data representing at least a

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further unique identifier being associated with at least a further handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.

21. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes receiving data representing a plurality of telephone numbers corresponding to a plurality of respective handsets from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.

22. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data representing at least one identifier includes receiving data representing at least one telephone number associated with a wired handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.

23. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving data representing at least one identifier includes receiving data representing at least one telephone number associated with a wireless handset from which the given conference call host may initiate at least one communication to access conferencing services.

24. (original) The method of claim 8, further comprising providing to the given conference call host data representing at least a further telephone number, wherein the given conference call host can access conferencing services to a given conference call by dialing at least the further telephone number.

25. (original) The method of claim 8, within providing data representing at least one telephone number includes providing data representing a telephone number dedicated to only the given conference call host.

26. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein providing data representing at least one telephone

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number includes providing data representing a telephone number shared by a plurality of conference call hosts.

27. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one software component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing at least one of the telephone number and the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

28. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes loading at least data representing the at least one unique identifier into a data store supporting a process by which the given conference call host subscribes to conferencing services.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes loading at least data representing the at least one unique identifier into [[a]] the data store so as to enable at least one software component to recognize a telephone number and [[the]]at least one identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

30. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one voice response unit to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

31. (previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one voice response unit to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing at least the unique identifier and a

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telephone number in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

32. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one server to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing at least the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

33. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring at least one data store supporting at least one server that is adapted to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier in connection with at least one communication received from the given conference call host.

34. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call.

35. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to an existing conference call.

36. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to a new conference call created in response to receiving a communication from the given conference call host.

37. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes

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configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without any further input from the given conference call host.

38. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without entry of any further data by the given conference call host.

39. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call without entry of any further data by the given conference call host, besides dialing a telephone number to access conferencing services.

40. (Cancelled)

41. (currently amended) At least one program storage device readable by at least one machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method of enrolling at least one given conferee to receive conferencing services, the method comprising at least the following:

receiving on a computer through a voice response unit at a conference server at least one request from a given conference call host via a telecommunications device to enroll in the conferencing services;

accessing data stores of the conference server populated with at least one access information data unique and necessary to admit the given conferee to enroll in the conferencing services;

automatically obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conference call host intrinsic to a incoming communication and loading the at least one

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unique identifier into an input of a data store of the conference server to process further incoming requests, and wherein the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the ~~conferee~~-given conference call host stored in the data stores of the conference server ;

automatically providing data retrieved from an output of the data store of the conference server ~~a system~~ as determined by the input into a server, if the at least one unique identifier from the data store of the conference server match the at least one ~~representing~~ access information for the given conference call host, without further manual or verbal input from the given conference call host, wherein the given conference call host is provided direct access to a given conference call using the access information; and

configuring at least one component determined by the output of the data stores of the system based on the received input of the data stores of the system related to supporting the at least one given conference call to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of at least one of the access information from the output of the data store [1.];

wherein receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one biometric parameter associated with the given conferee;

wherein the configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call by bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host.

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~~receiving at least one request from the given conferee, via a telecommunications device, to enroll in conferencing services;~~

~~receiving data, via a telecommunications device, representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conferee, and, wherein the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the given conferee stored in the data stores of the conferencing server system;~~

~~configuring at least one processor to receive the data in response to recognizing the at least one unique identifier located in a data store of a system;~~

~~providing data representing the at least one unique identifier one or more access information to the given conferee, wherein configuring the at least one processor to receive the data in response to recognizing the one or more access information located in the data store the given conferee can request directly access a given conference call and~~

~~configuring at least one second processor of a system related to supporting the at least one given conference call upon identification of the conferee by the at least one processor to connect the given conferee directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of at least one of the one or more access information and the at least one unique identifier intrinsic to at least one communication from the given conferee.~~

42. (currently amended) Apparatus for enrolling at least one given conferee to receive conferencing services, the apparatus comprising at least the following:

a computer for performing a method of enrolling at least one given conferee to receive the conferencing services, the method comprising at least the following:

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receiving on the computer through a voice response unit at a conference server at least one request from a given conference call host via a telecommunications device to enroll in the conferencing services;

accessing data stores of the conference server populated with at least one access information data unique and necessary to admit the given conferee to enroll in the conferencing services;

automatically obtaining data representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conference call host intrinsic to a incoming communication and loading the at least one unique identifier into an input of the data store of a conference server to process further incoming requests, and wherein the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the ~~conferee~~ given conference call host stored in the data stores of the conference server ;

automatically providing data retrieved from an output of the data store of the conference server ~~a system~~ as determined by the input into a server, if the at least one unique identifier from the data store of the conference server match the at least one ~~representing~~ access information for the given conference call host, without further manual or verbal input from the given conference call host, wherein the given conference call host is provided direct access to a given conference call using the access information; and

configuring at least one component determined by the output of the data stores of the system based on the received input of the data stores of the system related to supporting the at least one given conference call to connect the given conference call host directly to the given

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conference call in response to recognition of at least one of the access information from the output of the data store [[.]];

wherein receiving data representing the at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one biometric parameter associated with the given conferee;

wherein configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call by bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host.

~~a telecommunications device for receiving at least one request from the given conferee to enroll in conferencing services;~~

~~at least one hardware or software component, wherein at~~

~~least one first processor is communicably coupled to the telecommunications device, for receiving data representing at least one unique identifier relating to the given conferee, wherein the at least one unique identifier is a location from which the given conferee can initiate communications to access conferencing services and wherein, the at least one unique identifier can be cross-referenced with a plurality of unique identifiers distinctive to and associated with the given conferee stored in data stores of the system;~~

~~wherein the at least one first processor is communicably coupled to at least one of the a data stores representing and automatically obtains at least one access information from the at least one unique identifier intrinsic to the at least one communication from the given conferee to the given conferee, Therein direct access to the given conferee is provided admission to a given conference call using the data store representing at least one access information; and~~

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~~at least one second processor component of a system related to supporting the at least one given conference call configured to connect the given conferee directly to the given conference call in response to recognition of at least one of the access information and the at least one unique identifier in at least one communication from the given conferee[[-]];~~

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to claims 1, 8, 40, 42, Shalit (US 2002/0122391 A1) in views of Stern (US 6920212 B2) and further in view of Slaughter (US 5598536 A) do not teach or render obvious the limitations recited in claims 1, 8, 41, 42 when taken in the context of the claims as a whole, automatically extracting the at least one identifier determined by an output of the data stores of the conferencing server system based on the received input, and if the at least one identifier from the data stores of the conferencing server system matches the at least one access information from the data stores of the conferencing server system, the conferencing server system is configured to automatically connect the given conferee, without further manual or verbal input from the conferee, directly to the given conferencing service; configuring at least one component determined by the output to support the given conferee to connect to the given conferencing service; wherein receiving data representing at least one unique identifier includes obtaining data representing at least one biometric parameter associated with the given conferee; wherein the configuring at least one component includes configuring the at least one component to connect the given conference call host directly to the given conference call by bypassing entry of at least one conference pass code by the given conference call host as recited in the independent claims

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1, 8, 41, 42 . Moreover, evidence for modifying the prior art teachings by one of ordinary skill level in the art was not uncovered so as to result in the invention as recited in claims 1, 8 , 41, 42.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LeChi Truong whose telephone number is (571) 272-3767. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 - 5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Sough Hyung can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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